THE

Annual Reports

FOR **1906** OF THE

SANITARY CONDITION

OF THE

Urban & Rural Sanitary Districts

OF

TAUNTON.

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TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1906.

Population of Borough (1901)	21,087
Estimated Population to middle of 1906 ...	21,796
Area in Statute Acres	1,438
Birth-rate per 1,000 of Population	22·4
Death-rate per 1,000 of Population	17·4
Zymotic Death-rate	1·19
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births	122·7

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Taunton.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report of the health of the Town during the year 1906.

1. Mortality during 1906.

The total Deaths during the year were 381, or at the rate of 17·4 per 1,000. This gross number, however, requires correction. For no less than 55 non-residents died in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital and Union Workhouse. These must be deducted, leaving 326. But 13 Taunton residents died in Institutions outside the Borough, viz., 7 in Cotford Asylum, and 6 in the Isolation Hospital; and these have to be added, making the nett Deaths 339, or at the rate of 15·5 per 1,000, which is the average nett Death-rate of the past six years.

LOCALITIES.

The 381 Deaths occurred as follows:—

Borough	269
Taunton and Somerset Hospital ...	68
Union Workhouse	44
	381

SEXES.

Of the 381 Deaths, 191 were Males, and 190 Females.

AGES AT DEATH.

The Deaths occurred at the following ages:—

Under 1 year	60
1 to 5 years	28
5 to 15 ,, ...	11
15 to 25 ,, ...	8
25 to 65 ,, ...	147
Over 65 ,, ...	127
	381

Deaths in Public Institutions.

There were 112 Deaths in Public Institutions, which is much above the average.

The residents and non-residents were as follows :—

1. TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.

Urban cases	26
Rural ,, ...	20
Non-residents from outside both Districts	22
	68

2. UNION WORKHOUSE.

Urban cases	31
Rural ,, ...	13
	44

Causes of Death.

1. ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

There were 26 Deaths from Zymotic Diseases during the year. This is above the average.

13 Deaths were due to Measles, 4 to Scarlet Fever, 2 to Diphtheria, and 7 to Diarrhœa.

The Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria occurred in the Isolation Hospital, but as they were Urban cases should be credited to the Town.

2. DEATHS FROM OTHER DISEASES.

The other chief causes of Death were :—

Phthisis	24
Bronchitis	26
Pneumonia	15
Heart Disease	45
Cancer	21
Enteritis	6
Accidents	4
Premature Births	7

Births during 1906.

The total Births were 489, or at the rate of 22·4 per 1,000.

This is below the average.

Of these 18 were illegitimate.

Infantile Mortality.

The number of Deaths of Infants under one year of age was 60, which gives an Infant Mortality or rate per 1,000 Births of 122·7.

Sickness during 1906.

1. Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

I received 78 Notifications of Infectious Diseases during the year. They were as follows:—

Scarlet Fever	50 cases
Diphtheria	12 ,,
Enteric Fever	1 case
Erysipelas	15 cases
	78

Of these 78 cases, 50 were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

2. Sickness in 1906.

Measles was the most prevalent of the Infectious Diseases during the year. As is usually the case, the Elementary Schools being the chief means by which it was spread. So universal was it that just before the Easter Holidays in April it was found necessary to close the Schools.

During this closure they were disinfected, cleansed, &c., and after their re-opening the Disease had disappeared.

Scarlet Fever occurred off and on during the year. The cases were chiefly sporadic, although the North side of the Town was chiefly affected.

A few cases of Diphtheria were reported. These, as well as the Scarlet Fever cases, were in the majority of cases of a mild type.

44 out of the 50 cases of Scarlet Fever, and 6 out of the 12 cases of Diphtheria were removed to the Isolation Hospital.

3. DISINFECTION.

This was carried out gratuitously in all cases of Infectious Disease.

108 Houses were disinfected during the year, and 3,259 articles of Bedding, &c., were disinfected at the Steam Disinfector.

The disinfection of all Clothes, &c., from the Isolation Hospital has been carried out at the same place.

4. SANITARY CONDITION OF DWELLINGS.

Your Inspector reports that 1,661 Houses and Premises were inspected, and that 246 Re-inspections were made.

164 Notices were served for cleansing, repairing, &c.

The Smoke Test was applied to House Drains in 330 cases.

These were frequently getting out of repair, and 234 required repairs, &c.

26 faulty Soil Pipes were found, and no less than 388 w.c.'s required repairing during the year.

Twelve Dwellings were discovered of a very dilapidated and insanitary condition, and in consequence have been closed.

As I have previously reported, these happily are becoming less, as there is a tendency to migrate to the healthy suburbs of the Town, where good dwellings and gardens take the place of the old courts and alleys. The time will no doubt eventually come when these will all be void. A fine thing would it be for the Town if all the old Courts could be swept away, and their places be taken by gardens between street and street.

5. NUISANCES.

These are ever recurring, and required vigilant attention to keep them within bounds.

Your Inspector's Report (attached to this) gives the number of cases which he had to deal with.

Fortunately the general use of Dust-bins, placed out twice weekly for the Scavengers to remove, has done much to lessen the number of nuisances.

New Bye-laws have come into operation during the year, which deal with Lights on Vehicles, the keeping of Noisy Animals, and the filthy habit of Spitting.

6. WATER SUPPLY.

Notwithstanding the dry Summer months of July, August, and September, the Water Supply of the Town has been very satisfactory, both as regards quantity and quality.

In one respect the water has improved, and that is as regards cleanness and brightness. This is, no doubt, due to the new Filters at Fulwood, which apparently do their work very efficiently.

In each of my Quarterly Analyses of the Water I have found it maintain all its previous good qualities, with that additional brightness and clearness which was a great decideratum.

7. DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS.

These now number 35.

It is a subject for congratulation that the new Bye-Laws which affect them come into operation almost at once. The condition of the Milkshops has long been unsatisfactory. Every little huckster's shop considered it necessary to sell milk, and there amid vegetables, bacon, rabbits, and the like milk was to be found exposed to all the dust, flies, and dirt, with which, especially in summer time, the air was often laden.

I have reported very fully to your Sanitary and Drainage Committee on the subject during the year, and now it is to be hoped that, armed with the greater powers the new Bye-Laws give, all this will be changed.

8. BAKEHOUSES.

The number of these is the same as on the previous year, 30.

I have visited them all, and although some required lime-washing, I found them all in a good sanitary condition.

There is no underground Bakehouse in the Borough.

9. SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

These remain the same, 10 in number.

Much trouble has arisen about one, where a large number of Pigs are slaughtered, but considerable improvement have been made of late.

I can only repeat what I have again and again for so many years urged, viz., that a Public Abattoir would be a great boon to the Town. And this in many ways. There would be an easy way of inspecting all meat intended for human food, and tuberculous and other diseased meat would be much more readily detected than at present. Then again a large well-ventilated Building would be infinitely preferable to the small private Slaughter Houses, which in many cases are much too close to dwelling-houses. And lastly, it would tend to more humanity being shown to the poor beasts that have to be slaughtered.

10. FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS, AND WORK-PLACES.

The great extension of the powers of the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 has thrown a great deal of additional work upon both the Inspector and myself.

The Inspections of Factories in the Borough numbered 61, the Workshops numbered 647, and the Work-places 82, making a total of 790.

The defects found during the year were 90, 80 of which were Nuisances under the Public Health Act.

In the case of the 760 Inspections 24 written Notices were served.

HOME-WORK.

36 Lists of Home-workers of Wearing Apparel were received from Employers twice a year, of which there were 1,118 Out-workers.

There were 2 Lists of Paper Bags and Boxes and 8 Employés.

This makes a total of 38 Lists, and 1,126 Out-workers.

286 Inspections were made of Out-workers' Premises; in 4 cases they were unwholesome.

The addresses of 656 Out-workers were sent to other Councils.

REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

There are 323 Registered Workshops in the Borough. The chief of these are: Bakehouses, 30; Dressmakers, 23; Milliners, 12; Tailors, 9; Carpenters, 17; Domestic Workshops, 136; Work-places, 13; and many others which will be found in detail in my Report on the Act appended to this Report.

Meteorology of 1906.

The year is remarkable as being a very fine one.

The total Rainfall was 27·74 inches, which is a little above the average.

Rain fell on 177 days.

January, May, October, and November were the months with the heaviest Rainfall.

The Sunshine was above the average, and registered 1,780·5 hours.

A Meteorological Register is appended, which gives the monthly returns for the year.

I cannot conclude my Report without referring to two events that have occurred during the year.

1. BEDS AT WINSLEY SANATORIUM.

By the generosity of three gentlemen—The Honourable E. W. B. Portman, Sir E. Boyle, and Mr. T. S. Penny—three Beds have been placed at the disposal of the Town at Winsley Sanatorium.

Any one who has visited and inspected this charming place and seen what is done for the comfort and cure of Patients in the early stages of Phthisis, cannot fail to appreciate the great boon thus conferred upon the Town.

2. NEW MORTUARY.

A Mortuary has been built on land belonging to the Corporation at Coal Orchard, which although not likely to be often required, will always be ready for use in cases of necessity.

The five Tables required by the Local Government Board are attached to this Report, as is also my Report *re* Factory and Workshop Act, my Meteorological Report, and the Report of the Inspector (Mr. Northcombe).

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., LOND.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I. TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of whole District during 1906 and Previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
				Under One Year of Age.		At all Ages.						
		Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	Number.	Rate.*				Number.	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1896	19,831	632	31·9	92	145·0	336	16·9	85	38	—	—	—
1897	19,972	558	27·9	90	150·0	359	15·9	89	41	1	—	—
1898	20,113	544	27·0	65	119·4	302	15·0	73	31	3	—	—
1899	20,254	562	28·7	110	189·0	388	19·1	89	30	2	—	—
1900	20,395	535	26·2	84	157·0	427	19·2	77	46	8	389	19·2
1901	21,078	502	23·8	68	135·4	335	14·2	80	41	7	301	14·2
1902	21,227	488	22·9	64	131·1	353	16·6	94	45	12	320	15·0
1903	21,367	532	24·8	85	159·7	380	17·7	63	26	9	363	16·9
1904	21,516	503	23·3	49	97·7	340	15·8	96	44	19	331	15·3
1905	21,647	515	23·7	52	100·9	306	14·1	76	41	8	273	12·6
Averages for years 1896-1905	20,740	537	26·0	75	138·5	352	16·4	82	38	7	329	15·5
1906	21,796	489	22·4	60	122·7	381	17·4	112	55	13	339	15·5

*Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water)... 1,435

Total population at all ages 21,078
Number of inhabited houses 4,514
Average number of persons per house ... 5

At Census of 1901.

TABLE II.

Taunton Urban Sanitary District.

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1906 and previous years.

Year.	Taunton Registration District.			
	Population Estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births Registered.	Deaths at all Ages.	Deaths under One Year.
1896	19,831	632	336	92
1897	19,972	558	359	90
1898	20,113	544	302	65
1899	20,254	562	388	110
1900	20,395	535	427	84
1901	21,078	502	335	68
1902	21,227	488	353	64
1903	21,367	532	380	85
1904	21,516	503	340	49
1905	21,647	515	306	52
Averages of years 1896-1905	20,740	537	352	75
1906	21,796	489	381	60

TABLE III.

Taunton Urban Sanitary District.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1906.

Notifiable Disease.	Cases Notified in Whole District.							No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each locality.
	At all ages.	At Ages—Years.						
		Under 1	1 to 5	5 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 65	65 and upwards.	
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	12	...	5	5	1	...	1	6
Membranous croup	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Erysipelas	15	...	...	1	1	9	4	...
Scarlet fever ...	50	1	14	30	5	...	...	44
Typhus fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric fever ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Relapsing fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continued fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	78	1	19	37	7	9	5	50

TABLE IV.

TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year, 1906.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in whole District at subjoined Ages.							Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All ages.	Under 1	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards	
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	13	4	9	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	...
Whooping-cough ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and membranous croup ...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever — Typhus ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever — Enteric ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever — Other continued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epidemic influenza ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa	7	5	2	...	...	...	...	1
Enteritis	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other septic diseases ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis) ...	24	...	...	...	5	19	...	6
Other tubercular diseases...	10	...	1	3	...	5	1	7
Cancer, malignant disease	21	...	1	1	...	11	8	7
Bronchitis	26	4	3	...	...	6	13	1
Pneumonia	15	9	1	1	1	4	1	6
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other diseases of respiratory organs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alcoholism ... / Cirrhosis of liver ...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Venereal diseases ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Premature birth ...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diseases and accidents of parturition	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Heart diseases... ...	45	...	...	1	1	28	15	9
Accidents	4	...	1	...	...	3	...	3
Suicides	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other causes ...	191	24	7	4	1	67	88	71
All causes ...	381	60	28	11	8	147	127	112

TABLE V. TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1906.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

Cause of Death.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total under 1 Year.
All causes.	Certified	11	5	1	6	23	4	5	6	3	2	3	1	3	2	5	3	60
	Uncertified	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
I. Common Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	4
	Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Diphtheria: croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II. Diarrhœal Diseases.	Diarrhœa (all forms)	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	6
	Enteritis (Muco-enteritis, Gastro-enteritis)	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...		1	1	6
	Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal catarrh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
III. Wasting Diseases.	Premature birth	4	3	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
	Congenital defects	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
	Injury at birth	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Want of breast-milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Atrophy, debility, marasmus	1	...	...	4	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
IV. Tuberculous Diseases.	Tuberculous meningitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tuberculous peritonitis: tabes mesenterica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Other tuberculous diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
	Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Meningitis (not tuberculous)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Convulsions	2	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	8
	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5
	Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	4
	Suffocation, overlaying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	4
		11	5	1	6	23	4	5	6	3	2	3	1	3	2	5	3	60

Births in the year—Legitimate, 471; illegitimate, 18. Deaths from all causes at all ages, 381. Population, estimated to middle of 1906, 21,796.

METEOROLOGICAL TABLE, 1906.

Month.	Barometer.			Thermometer.			Sunshine.		Rainfall.	
	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean.	Highest.	Lowest.	Hours.	Sunless Days.	Inches.	Days Rain fell.
January ...	29·91	30 64	29·32	44·3°	55°	24°	84	5	4·68	20
February ...	29·76	30·35	28·92	40·5°	52°	24°	102·5	6	2·50	20
March ...	30·00	30·35	29·45	44·0°	65°	27°	132	5	1·31	9
April ...	29·88	30·58	29·30	46·3°	70°	28°	228	2	1·20	13
May ...	29·81	30·13	29·50	53·2°	76°	33°	131·5	8	3·33	21
June ...	30·14	30·37	29·58	59·5°	78°	40°	258·5	2	2·19	7
July ...	30·03	30·30	29·84	62·5°	80°	43°	221·5	2	·74	12
August ...	29·98	30·40	29·57	66·2°	86°	44°	203·5	—	1·56	17
September ...	30·19	30·58	29·75	59·0°	90°	32°	195	3	·55	5
October ...	29·97	30·38	29·18	50·5°	69°	30°	102	11	4·24	25
November ...	29·86	30·49	29·10	45·8°	62°	25°	62	14	3·63	16
December ...	29·96	30·56	29·07	40·8°	55°	27°	66	12	1·81	12

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH

For the Year 1906,

FOR THE BOROUGH OF TAUNTON,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces & Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
FACTORIES ... ... (Including Factory Laundries).	61	1	...
WORKSHOPS ... ... (Including Workshop Laundries.)	647	19	...
WORKPLACES ... ... (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report.)	82	4	...
Total	790	24	...

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars (1)	Number of Defects. Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	Number of Prosecutions. (5)
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—				
Want of cleanliness	55	49	...	...
Want of ventilation	1	1	...	...
Overcrowding	3	3	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ...	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances	8	8	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — insufficient ...	5	5	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective ...	8	8	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes	...	...	...	...
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:				
Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...	...	...	...	...
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100).	10	10	...	...
Other offences ... ... (Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report.)	...	...	...	...
Total	90	84	...	...

TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

3.—HOME WORK.

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' Lists, Section 107.								Number of Inspections of Outworkers' premises.	Outwork in unwholesome Premises, Section 108.			Outwork in infected Premises, Sections 109, 110.		
	Lists received from Employers.				Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers received from other Councils.	Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers forwarded to other Councils.	Prosecutions.								
	Twice in the Year.		Once in the Year.				Failing to keep or permit inspection of Lists.	Failing to send Lists.		Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (S. 110).	Prosecutions (Sections 109, 110).
	Lists.	Outworkers.	Lists.	Outworkers.											
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Wearing Apparel—															
(1) Making, &c.	36	1,118	...	...	...	656	...	...	286	4	4	...	..	...	...
(2) Cleaning and washing ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and Upholstery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fur pulling	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paper Bags and Boxes	2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brush making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stuffed Toys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
File making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Electro Plate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Cables and Chains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anchors and Grapnels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cart Gear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locks, Latches and Keys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	38	1,126*	...	...	1	656	...	...	286	4	4	...	...	...	...

* This includes 656 in Column 7, *i.e.*, 462 Outworkers in the Borough, and 656 in other districts.

TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

	Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year. (1)	Number. (2)
Important classes of Workshops, such as workshop bakehouses, may be enumerated here.	Bakehouses	30
	Dressmakers, 23; Milliners, 12; Tailors, 9	44
	Boot and Shoe, 6; Brush and Clogs, 1; Glove and Gaiters, 2; Saddlers, 3; Rags, 1	13
	Carpenters, 17; Cabinet and Upholsterers, 9; Plumbers and Painters, 13	39
	Carriage, 3; Smith and Wheelwrights, 12; Scales, 1; Tinman, 2	18
	Cycle, 6; Cooper, 1; Dyer, 1; Engraver, 2; Guns, 1; Jeweller, 4	15
	Basket, 1; Box (paper), 1; Laundries, 1; Organ, 2; Piano, 1; Picture Frames, 1	7
	Sculpture, 4; Wool Stapler, 1; Bottle Washing, 2; Photographer, 1	8
	Domestic Workshops, 136; Work-places, 13	149
	Total number of workshops on Register *	323

* 174 Workshops, 136 Domestic Workshops, and 13 Workplaces.

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class. (1)		Number. (2)
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories:—		
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)		...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) ...	Notified by H.M. Inspector	7
	Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	7
Other		...
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101):		
Certificates granted during the year		...
In use at the end of the year		...

January 29th, 1907.

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., Lond.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TAUNTON URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

Inspector of Nuisances' Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the Year 1906 (J. W. Northcombe, certified Inspector).

Number of Complaints to Sanitary Officer		49
Number of Inspections, House to House, Premises, &c. ...		1,661
,, Re-Inspections of Houses, Premises, &c. ...		246
Results of Inspection.	Orders issued for Sanitary Amendments of Houses, Premises, &c.	164
	Houses, Premises, &c., Cleaned, Repaired, Lime-washed, &c.	314
	Houses Disinfected after Illness of an Infectious Character	108
	Drains Tested with Smoke Test	330
	Pollution of Stream	2
Drains (House).	Soil Pipes Repaired and Renewed	26
	Repaired, Cleansed, Trapped, &c.	234
Water Closets.	Repaired	388
	Supplied with Water	
	New Provided	16
Dust Bins.	Repaired, Covered, &c.	8
Water Supply.	Main Draw-off Taps fixed	
	Cisterns Cleaned, Repaired, Covered, &c.	
	Houses Supplied with Corporation Water	
	Wells unfit for Use and Condemned	
Miscellaneous.	Number of Lodging Houses Registered	2
	Dust Removal. Number of Communications received and attended to	372
	Removal of Accumulation of Dung, Stagnant Water, Animal and other Refuse	75
	Animals Removed, being improperly kept	22
	Regularly Inspected. Bakehouses	30
	Licensed Cowsheds	5
	Dairies and Milkshops, &c.	35
	Licensed Slaughter Houses	10
Articles of Bedding, &c., Disinfected at Steam Disinfector, Sewage Works...		3,259

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health, for the Year 1906.

Population of District (1901)	17,565
Population estimated to middle of 1906 ...	17,333
Birth-rate per 1,000 of Population	20·0
Death-rate per 1,000 of Population	16·2
Zymotic Death-rate	0·4
Infantile Mortality per 1,000 Births	83·2

To the Taunton Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report of the Health of the District during the Year 1906.

I. Mortality during 1906.

The total Deaths in the District during 1906 were 281, or at the rate of 16·2 per 1,000 of the population.

But this number needs correction, for 33 residents died in the Town of Taunton, viz.: 20 in the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, and 13 in the Union Workhouse.

These must be added to the gross total. On the other hand 54 Non-residents of the Rural District died in two Institutions in the District, viz.: 48 in Cotford Asylum, and 6 in the Isolation Hospital. These must be deducted, leaving as the net number of Deaths 260, or at the rate of 15·0 per 1,000.

(a) LOCALITIES.

The total 281 Deaths occurred in the following localities, viz.:—

1.	Pitminster Registration District	... 51	deaths.
2.	North Curry ,, ,,	... 103	,,
3.	Taunton (without) ,, ,,	... 21	,,
4.	Bishops Lydeard ,, ,,	... 46	,,
5.	Cotford Asylum	... 54	,,
6.	Isolation Hospital	... 6	,,
	Total	... 281	,,

(b) SEXES.

Of the 281, 151 were Males, and 130 Females.

(c) AGES AT DEATH.

The various Ages at Death were as follows:—

Under 1 year	29
1 to 5 years	18
5 to 15 ,, ...	9
15 to 25 ,, ...	10
25 to 65 ,, ...	99
Over 65 ,, ...	116
Total ...	281

(d) DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

These numbered 60, viz.: 54 in Cotford Asylum, and 6 in Isolation Hospital.

The various localities from which these patients came were:—

COTFORD ASYLUM.

Taunton Rural Sanitary District	6
,, Urban ,, ,, ...	7
Outside Districts	41
Total ...	54

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Taunton Rural Sanitary District	0
,, Urban ,, ,, ...	6
Total ...	6

II. Causes of Death.

(a) ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

There were 8 Deaths due to Zymotic Diseases, viz.:

Scarlet Fever	4
Diphtheria	3
Diarrhœa	1

This gives a Zymotic Death-rate of 0·4. This is below the average of preceding years.

(b) DEATHS FROM OTHER CAUSES.

The other chief causes were:—

Heart Disease	37
Pneumonia	27
Bronchitis	21
Phthisis	18
Cancer	14
Enteritis	4
Premature Births	9
Accidents	4
Not Certified	9

III. Births during 1906.

The number of Births in the year were 347, or at the rate of 20·0 per 1,000.

This is below the average.

Ten of these Births were illegitimate.

The Infantile Death-rate, or Death-rate of Infants under one year of age to 1,000 Births, was 83·2.

This is above last year, but below the average of the preceding ten years.

The Births in the various Districts were as follows:—

1.	Pitminster District	73
2.	North Curry ,, ...	159
3.	Taunton (without) District	40
4.	Bishops Lydeard ,, ...	75
	Total ...	347

IV. Sickness in 1906.

(a) NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

I received 58 Notifications during the year, as against 81 in the preceding one.

The Diseases notified were:—

Scarlet Fever	26 cases.
Diphtheria	18 ,,
Enteric Fever	4 ,,
Erysipelas	10 ,,
Total ...	58

These occurred in the following Districts:—

	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Erysipelas.	Total.
1. Pitminster ...	3	5	0	1	9
2. North Curry ...	5	5	0	5	15
3. Taunton (without)	7	1	0	0	8
4. Bishops Lydeard ...	11	7	4	4	26
Totals ...	26	18	4	10	58

(b) SICKNESS.

Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria occurred during the year, but the cases were sporadic, of a mild type, and much fewer in number than in the preceding year.

Measles occurred in several Parishes, and to such an extent in some as to necessitate the temporary closing of the Elementary Schools.

The cases of Enteric Fever were in Cotford Asylum.

In all other respects the year has been a very healthy one, and will compare favourably with its predecessors.

(c) WATER SUPPLY.

I analysed 29 samples of water from the District during the year, of which I found 17 polluted with Sewage and unfit for use. Steps were taken in all these cases to provide a pure supply.

It is a subject for regret that the Bridgwater Rural District Council do not see their way to provide Stoke St. Gregory with Water.

The means at the disposal of the Parish are precarious, and would be very costly.

It is a curious fact that, notwithstanding the use of the River Water (which is Tidal) for the first twenty years and more of my holding office, the Parish was remarkably healthy. Ague was the only prevailing disease. This has disappeared, owing, I consider, to the enormous amount of Oziers grown.

Those few cases of Diphtheria and Enteric Fever which have occurred during the past few years could not be traced to the use of River Water, as in most cases Well Water was used.

Still, as matters at present stand, the Water should be boiled before use, as it certainly contains a large amount of organic matter.

(d) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

No less than four Parishes came under notice during the year, on account of the unsatisfactory condition of their Sewage Disposal.

Parochial Committees met in every instance.

The first case, that of Creech, was a small matter, and it only required some small work to remedy the evil complained of.

The Sewerage of the other three Parishes were of a much more serious nature.

The Sewage Disposal of Trull has always been a very difficult matter, owing to its situation and the lie of the land. Mr. Arnold Taylor (formerly Local Government Board Inspector) held an enquiry relative to it, in June, 1890. He saw the great difficulties of dealing with it on the spot, and advised connecting with the Town Sewer at Sherford. This, however, the Town Council would not permit. The Sewage is now chiefly received into three large Cesspools. If these were frequently emptied, the pollution of the Stream by the overflows would be prevented. This it is proposed to do with a Vacuum Cart, and the nuisance now complained of will be minimised or entirely abolished.

The work carried out at Mountway for the disposal of the Sewage of Bishop's Hull was far from a success.

The Parochial Committee therefore determined to take an expert's advice. Mr. A. P. A. Cottrell, of Bristol, was therefore called in, and he elaborated a scheme which will no doubt be successful.

A Receiving Tank, Storm Overflow, and Bacterial Filter of the approved plan is his suggestion, and if properly looked after no doubt a good effluent will result.

Mr. W. O. E. Meade-King, Local Government Board Inspector, held an Enquiry on January 15th, 1907, on the application of your Council to the Local Government Board for a loan of £1,850.

The result of the Enquiry is anxiously looked forward to.

Then, again, the Sewage Disposal of Norton Fitzwarren requires immediate attention. For some time the Sewage has, after running down a ditch, discharged into the River Tone.

In the year 1875 Mr. Arnold Taylor held an Enquiry at Norton, and as a result all the Sewage, which formerly stagnated in ditches, was brought to one point near the Railway, and afterwards was sent through Subirrigation Pipes in a large field. These pipes have on several occasions become choked, and rendered useless. It is now determined to relay these pipes, use a precipitant at the Tanks, so as to remove as much

suspended matter as possible, and have the entire works cleansed, and looked after much more rigidly than in the past

If this be done a good effluent may be looked for.

The Drainage at Bishop's Lydeard and other places in the District has required attention during the year.

(e) NUISANCES.

Your Inspector (Mr. James) informs me that his inspections of Houses, Premises, &c., during the year numbered 1,393.

He received 63 complaints of existing nuisances.

As the result of these Inspections, 465 Notices were served, and 225 Houses and Premises were cleansed, repaired, and limewashed.

The number of House Drains tested was 37, and repaired 68, and Privies and Closets repaired 91.

Accumulations of filth numbered 40, and animals improperly kept 14.

Six cases of overcrowding occurred, and 4 houses were found unfit for human habitation.

A large number of Dry Closets have taken the place of the old Midden and Cesspool, much to the advantage of the premises and water supply.

(f) SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

These are 33 in number. Some trouble has arisen during the year in one or two instances from choked Drains. They all require constant supervision to ensure their being kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

(g) DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

These number 35. They have been frequently inspected.

The Dairies are, as a rule, satisfactory, but the Cowsheds might in many instances be improved upon. Of course, they are only used for brief periods in the twenty-four hours. They are well ventilated, but the yard and paving around is often insanitary.

(h) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 9 Factories, 50 Workshops, and 2 Workplaces in the District. Defects were found in 3 instances, and were remedied.

The Homeworkers were 220, 197 being at work on Wearing Apparel, and 23 on Upholstery.

Twelve cases were found where the premises were unwholesome.

The number of Bakehouses in the District were 23, and other Workshops 27, making a total of 50.

There is no underground Bakehouse in the District.

(i) TABLES.

Various Tables accompany this Report. There are five issued by the Local Government Board, relative to Births and Deaths Returns and Notifications of Infectious Diseases.

There is also a Table with regard to the Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces, and Homework; and also a Table supplied by your Inspector (Mr. James) of the work done by him during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

HENRY J. ALFORD, M.D., LOND.,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1906 and Previous Years.

Year.	Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	Births.		Total Deaths Registered in the District.				Total Deaths in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Non-residents registered in Public Institutions in the District.	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institutions beyond the District.	Nett Deaths at all Ages belonging to the District.	
				Under One Year of Age.		At all Ages.						
		Number.	Rate.*	Number.	Rate per 1,000 Births registered	Number.	Rate.*				Number.	Rate.*
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1896	18,448	505	27·0	55	108·9	290	15·7	5	5	22	—	—
1897	17,287	503	29·0	40	79·5	256	14·2	4	3	25	—	—
1898	17,220	456	26·4	53	116·5	293	17·0	2	1	29	—	—
1899	17,165	439	25·5	43	97·9	304	17·7	27	23	20	—	—
1900	17,104	464	27·1	47	101·2	300	17·5	42	21	22	283	16·6
1901	17,565	382	21·8	51	128·2	286	16·9	38	33	30	234	13·3
1902	17,515	384	21·8	31	80·7	243	13·8	39	36	27	237	13·5
1903	17,465	368	20·0	36	97·7	267	15·4	42	39	14	228	13·0
1904	17,415	354	20·3	23	65·0	244	14·1	38	37	25	228	13·2
1905	17,374	366	20·1	25	68·3	254	14·6	42	38	15	231	13·2
Average for years 1896-1905	17,455	422	23·9	40	95·3	273	15·6	27	23	23	240	13·8
1906	17,333	347	20·0	29	83·2	281	16·2	60	54	33	260	15·0

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

Area of District in acres (exclusive of area covered by water)... 68,094

Total population at all ages 17,565
Number of inhabited houses 3,938
Average Number of Persons per house ... 4·46
At Census of 1901.

TABLE II. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Vital Statistics of Separate Localities in 1906 and Previous Years.

Year.	Pitminster.				North Curry.				Taunton (Without).				Bishops Lydeard.			
	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. *a.*	Births Registered. *b.*	Deaths at all Ages. *c.*	Deaths under 1 Year. *d.*	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. *a.*	Births Registered. *b.*	Deaths at all Ages. *c.*	Deaths under 1 Year. *d.*	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. *a.*	Births Registered. *b.*	Deaths at all Ages. *c.*	Deaths under 1 Year. *d.*	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. *a.*	Births Registered. *b.*	Deaths at all Ages. *c.*	Deaths under 1 Year. *d.*
1901	4,057	92	62	9	6,561	161	89	12	2,014	36	25	4	4,933	95	58	6
1902	4,031	91	50	8	6,536	150	86	14	2,004	38	34	3	4,944	84	67	8
1903	4,005	64	50	6	6,511	160	89	18	1,994	40	23	1	4,955	104	66	11
1904	3,979	92	47	9	6,486	150	80	10	1,984	43	27	1	4,966	69	53	3
1905	3,953	81	52	4	6,463	145	81	9	1,961	51	22	4	4,997	89	99	8
Averages of Years 1901-1905	4,005	84	52·2	7·2	6,511	153	85	12·6	1,991	41	26	2·4	4,961	88	68	7
1906	3,927	73	51	2	6,440	159	103	19	1,938	40	27	6	5,028	75	106	4

TABLE III. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1906.

Notifiable Disease.	Cases notified in Whole District.							Total Cases notified in each Locality.				No. of Cases removed to Hospital from each Locality.			
	At all Ages.	At Ages—Years.						1 Pitminster.	2 North Curry.	3 Taunton (without).	4 Bishop's Lydeard.	1 Pitminster.	2 North Curry.	3 Taunton (without).	4 Bishop's Lydeard.
		Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.								
Small-pox...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria	18	...	...	12	6	...	...	5	5	1	7	3	1	1	5
Membranous croup ...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	10	...	...	1	...	9	...	1	5	...	4	...	...	...	..
Scarlet fever	26	...	3	15	4	4	...	3	5	7	11	1	4	2	8
Typhus fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Enteric fever	4	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Relapsing fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Continued fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	58	...	3	28	11	16	...	9	15	8	26	4	5	3	13

(H) Taunton Isolation Hospital, situated in the District of Taunton (Without), provided by Taunton Urban and Rural Councils.

(W) The Workhouse is in the Taunton Urban District.

TABLE IV.

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during 1906.

Causes of Death.	Deaths in Whole District at Subjoined Ages.							Deaths in Localities (at all Ages).				Deaths in Public Institutions.
	All Ages.	Under 1	1 & under 5	5 & under 15	15 & under 25	25 & under 65	65 & upwards	1 Pitminster.	2 North Curry.	3 Taunton (without).	4 Bishop's Lydeard.	
Small-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever	4	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria and membranous croup ...	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever: Typhus	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever: Enteric	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fever: Other continued	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epidemic influenza ...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Cholera	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Plague	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Enteritis	4	1	2	...	...	1	...	1	2	...	1	1
Puerperal fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Other septic diseases ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1
Phthisis (pulmonary tuberculosis)	18	...	...	...	3	14	1	2	3	2	11	9
Other tubercular diseases	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	1	1
Cancer, malignant disease	14	...	1	...	...	9	4	...	9	1	4	2
Bronchitis	21	3	2	...	...	1	15	8	5	5	3	1
Pneumonia	27	3	6	1	.	7	10	4	13	3	7	3
Pleurisy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other diseases of respiratory organs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Alcoholism* / Cirrhosis of liver	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
Venereal diseases	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2
Premature birth	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	3	...
Diseases and accidents of parturition	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heart diseases	37	1	...	...	...	17	19	12	10	3	12	4
Accidents	4	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	3	...	1	...
Suicides	3	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	...	...
All other causes	126	12	3	5	5	36	65	16	51	5	54	29
All causes	281	29	18	9	10	99	116	51	107	27	100	60

TABLE V. TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT.

INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1906.

Deaths from stated Causes in Weeks and Months under One Year of Age.

Cause of Death.		Under 1 Week.	1-2 Weeks.	2-3 Weeks.	3-4 Weeks.	Total under 1 Month.	1-2 Months.	2-3 Months.	3-4 Months.	4-5 Months.	5-6 Months.	6-7 Months.	7-8 Months.	8-9 Months.	9-10 Months.	10-11 Months.	11-12 Months.	Total under Year.
All causes.	Certified	9	2	3	...	14	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	28
	Uncertified	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
I. Common Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chicken-pox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Diphtheria, Croup	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Whooping-cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
II. Diarrhœal Diseases.	Diarrhœa (all forms)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Enteritis, Muro-enteritis, Gastro-enteritis	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Gastritis, Gastro-intestinal catarrh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
III. Wasting Diseases.	Premature birth	5	1	2	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	9
	Congenital defects	2	...	..	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2
	Injury at Birth	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
	Want of breast-milk, Starvation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Atrophy, debility, marasmus	2	1	...	...	3	1	1	1	...	..	...	...	1	1	...	...	8
IV. Tuberculous Diseases	Tuberculous meningitus	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Tuberculous peritonitis, tabes mesenterica	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
	Other tuberculous diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
V. Other Causes.	Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Syphilis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Meningitis (not tuberculous)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Convulsions	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3
	Laryngitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	3
	Suffocation, overlaying	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...
	Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		10	2	3	...	15	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	29

Births in the Year—Legitimate, 337; Illegitimate, 10. Deaths from all Causes at all Ages, 281. Population estimated to middle of 1906, 17,333.

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For the Year 1906,

FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF TAUNTON,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops, Laundries, Workplaces & Homework.

1.—INSPECTION.

INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS OR INSPECTORS OF NUISANCES.

Premises. (1)	Number of Inspections. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Prosecutions. (4)
FACTORIES ... ... (Including Factory Laundries.)	9	...	...
WORKSHOPS ... ... (Including Workshop Laundries.)	50	3	...
WORKPLACES ... ... (Other than Outworkers' premises included in Part 3 of this Report.)	2	...	...
Total	61	3	...

2.—DEFECTS FOUND.

Particulars. (1)	Number of Defects. Found. (2)	Remedied. (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4)	Number of Prosecutions. (5)
Nuisances under the Public Health Acts:—				
Want of cleanliness	3	3	...	...
Want of ventilation	...	...	...	...
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...
Want of drainage of floors ...	...	...	...	...
Other nuisances	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — insufficient ...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective ...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes	...	...	...	..
Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act:—				
Illegal operation of underground bakehouse (s. 101) ...	...	...	...	...
Breach of special sanitary requirements for bakehouses (ss. 97 to 100)	...	...	...	...
Other offences ... ... (Excluding offences relating to outwork which are included in Part 3 of this Report.)	...	...	...	...
Total	3	3	...	...

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3.—HOME WORK.

Nature of Work.	Outworkers' Lists, Section 107.								Number of Inspections of Outworkers' premises.	Outwork in unwholesome Premises, Section 108.			Outwork in infected Premises, Sections 109, 110.		
	Lists received from Employers.				Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers received from other Councils.	Numbers of Addresses of Outworkers forwarded to other Councils.	Prosecutions.								
	Twice in the Year.		Once in the Year.				Failing to keep or permit inspection of Lists.	Failing to send Lists.		Instances.	Notices served.	Prosecutions.	Instances.	Orders made (S. 110).	Prosecutions (Sections 109, 110).
	Lists.	Outworkers.	Lists.	Outworkers.											
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
Wearing Apparel—															
(1) Making, &c.	...	...	...	...	197	...	...	...	186	10	10	...	...	...	...
(2) Cleaning and washing ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lace, lace curtains and nets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furniture and Upholstery... ...	...	...	...	...	23	...	...	...	23	2	2	...	...	...	...
Fur pulling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paper Bags and Boxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brush making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stuffed Toys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
File making	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Electro Plate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cables and Chains	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Anchors and Grapnels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cart Gear	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locks, Latches and Keys	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	...	...	...	...	220	...	...	...	209	12	12	...	...	...	...

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4.—REGISTERED WORKSHOPS.

Workshops on the Register (s. 131) at the end of the year. (1)	Number. (2)
Imporant classes of workshops, such as workshop bakehouses, maybe enumerated here.	
Bakehouses	23
Other Workshops	27
Total number of workshops on Register	50

5.—OTHER MATTERS.

Class. (1)	Number. (2)
Matters notified to H.M. Inspector of Factories :—	
Failure to affix Abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 133)	...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) ... — Notified by H.M. Inspector	...
Action taken in matters referred by H.M. Inspector as remediable under the Public Health Acts, but not under the Factory and Workshop Act (s. 5) ... — Reports (of action taken) sent to H.M. Inspector	...
Other	...
Underground Bakehouses (s. 101)	...
Certificates granted during the year	...
In use at the end of the year	...

January 29th, 1907.

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Medical Officer of Health.

TAUNTON RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT

Inspector of Nuisances' Report of the Sanitary Work completed in the Year 1906 (S. J. James, certified Inspector).

	Number of Complaints to Sanitary Officer	63
	,, Inspections, House to House, Premises, &c. ...	1392
Results of Inspection.	Orders issued for Sanitary Amendments of Houses, Premises, &c.	465
	Houses, Premises, &c., Cleaned, Repaired, Lime-washed, &c.	225
	Houses Disinfected after Illness of an Infectious Character	46
	Drains Tested with Smoke Test	37
	Pollution of Stream	4
Drains (House).	Soil Pipes Repaired and Renewed	68
	Repaired, Cleansed, Trapped, &c.	
Privies and Closets.	Repaired	91
	Supplied with Water	
	New Provided	
Dust Bins.	Repaired, Covered, &c.	
Water Supply.	Samples of Water taken	29
	Cisterns Cleaned, Repaired, Covered, &c.	
	Houses Supplied with Water	6
	Wells Unfit for Use	17
Miscellaneous.	Number of Lodging Houses Registered	
	Dust Removal. Number of Communications received and attended to	
	Removal of Accumulation of Dung, Stagnant Water, Animal and other Refuse	40
	Animals Removed, being improperly kept	14
Regularly Inspected.	Bakehouses	23
	Licensed Cowsheds	35
	Dairies and Milkshops, &c.	
	Licensed Slaughter Houses	33
	Houses Newly Built	

Overcrowding, 6. Houses Unfit for Habitation, 4.